Prof. Chieria, of U. of P., Says It Parallels Genesis in Many Particulars

> BABYLONIAN ERA

Dr. Edward Chieria, assistant professor of Assyriology of the University of Pennsylvania, has deciphered a Babylenian clay tablet of about 2100 B. C., which contained an account of the fall of man paralleling the account in Genof man paralleling the account in Generis in many particulars.

The account is in the form of a dialogue between a man and a god. It resembles the biblical story in references to a forbidden food, to the disobedience of man, to man's unlawful attainment

of man, to man's unlawful attainment of knowledge, to his being driven into a desert and compelled to labor. His adoption of clothing as a result of mowledge is also indicated.

The grd—which Babylonian god is not indicated—drives man away in self-defense rather than as a punishment. Man is accused of aspiring to a place with the gods, a theme which has been treated in other Babylonian literature.

The morel consideration is unimperfant in the Habylonian legend, man's position being like that of Promethems, who was a criminal in the eyes of a god, but a patriot from the point of view of man.

There is no allusion in the dialogue

just deciphered to the serpent or the tempter; but, according to Dr. Chieria. the serpent was an honest friend and the serpent was an honest friend and counselor of man, as the Babylonians looked at it. Other Babylonian texts tell of a god who befriended and advised man. Such a counselor of man has been metamorphosed into the serpent in later versions of the Fall, or of the break between man and the gods, according to the theory of Dr. Chieria.

"The date of this tablet is about 2100 more at C." said Dr. Chieria. "The or 2200 B. C.," said Dr. Chieria, "The writing of the Hebrew account took place, according to the best authorities, at some later date than 1000 B. C."

The flood story in Genesis has been shown to be closely paralleled in the Babylenian epic, but this parallel is established with the help of records in the library of Assur-ban-ipal, who lived long after Genesis had been written, and it has been contended by some scholars that the Baby enians took their story from the Hebrews. According to Dr. Chieria, parts of the epic have been found in writings far anterior to Genesis, apparently establishing the priority of the Babylonian account.

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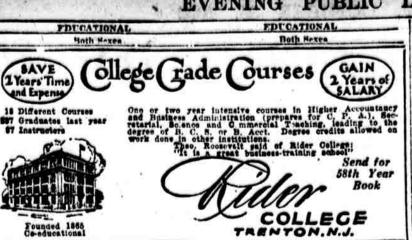
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